

South Dakota Fire Service Instructor's Conference

January 15th & 16th, 2011

Ramkota River Center

Pierre, SD

Featured Presenter: Bob Pressler, Retired Lieutenant, FDNY

Topics to be presented:

- ***From the Firehouse to the Fire Floor*** covers the pre-fire aspect of emergency response - what needs to be done *before* the alarm sounds. It includes a look at the American Fire Service and some of the many challenges and changes responders must face since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. These challenges include possible responses to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents. Also explored: fire house life, training issues, and the "P.A.T.H." to being successful.
- ***Five Point Size-up for Company Officers*** takes the 13 point size-up most of us use and narrows it down to the most critical points that a first to arrive Officer must address with their company. The fire building is looked at by type of construction as well as by occupancy. Smoke and fire conditions are observed and "read" to gather information to determine how to attack and subdue the fire. Engine and Truck Company operations (even for those without a truck) are also covered.
- ***Suburban Firefighting*** takes a look at the most common emergency situations responders face and discusses pre-planning, training, setting up of apparatus and operations based on staffing of 3 to 4 personnel per unit.

About the presenter: Bob Pressler is a 30+ year veteran of the Fire Service and is retired from the FDNY, where he had attained the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to serving with the FDNY, he had also been a member of 2 combination departments, one on the career side and one on the volunteer side. He is currently serving as a Captain in the Montgomery VFD in Orange County, New York.

Pressler holds an Associates degree in Fire Protection Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He was also the Hands On Coordinator for the Fire Department Instructor's Conference for its first 7 years in Indianapolis, Indiana, and 3 years in Sacramento, California. He is a past member of the Editorial Advisory Boards of both Fire Chief and Fire Engineering magazine. He has spoken at FDIC, Firehouse Expo, Firehouse World and Firehouse Las Vegas. Pressler has written numerous articles for several trade magazines and lectures around the country on a wide variety of Fire Service issues.

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2011 SDSFSI Conference schedule, fee, and lodging information:

Saturday January 15, 2011

- **7:00 - 8:30 a.m.** - Registration in the lobby outside the amphitheater
- **8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** - Opening of the Conference and Introductions
- **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** - Class
- **Noon - 1:00 p.m.** - Lunch on your own
- **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** - Class resumes
- **4:00 p.m.** - Start of Business Meeting

Sunday January 16, 2011

- **8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon** - Class
- **12:00 Noon** - Lunch and return to finish business meeting or finish business meeting and adjourn.

Membership/Registration Fee –

The fee is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to the South Dakota Society of Fire Service Instructors.

Your membership/registration fee may be paid in advance (prior to 12/31/2010) by sending your check to:

Leroy Aasen/ SD Society of Fire Service Instructors, 305 Sun Crest Road,
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

If you plan on having the SDSFSI Treasurer bill your department for your membership/registration fee(s) please have a printed list of the name(s) and a mailing address in which the invoice is to be submitted available at the time of the conference registration. This should help speed up the registration process on 1-15-11.

Lodging-

A block of 60 rooms has been set aside at the Ramkota. Please call the motel directly at 605-224-6877 or e-mail reservations@pierreramkota.com to make your reservations. Guests should state they are coming for the S.D. Fire Service Instructor's Conference for a reduced rate on this block of rooms.